



Fact Sheet:

GOVERNOR'S INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR THE PREVENTION OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG PROBLEMS

Governor's Prevention Advisory Council



Mission:

The Governor's Prevention Advisory Council (GPAC) coordinates the State's strategic efforts to reduce the incidence and prevalence of inappropriate alcohol, tobacco and other drug (ATOD) use by youth and adults.

Responsibilities:

- Develop and implement unified and integrated statewide ATOD prevention coordination plans.
- Identify means of working more efficiently with ATOD prevention-related resources to reduce fragmentation and redundancy at all levels.

Guiding Principles:

- ATOD-affected behaviors are a cause of great public cost and personal distress.
- Effective prevention programs provide a major contribution to the sustained health, safety and well-being of individuals, families and communities.
- The ever-changing nature of California's ATOD problems necessitates delivering prevention services through a wide range of public and private sources.

- Successful prevention requires research-based planning, correct strategy selection, effective delivery and evaluation.
- Although organizations appointed to the GPAC have different primary missions, their missions all benefit from successfully preventing and reducing harm to public health, safety and the economy, related to ATOD.
- While the GPAC members operate collectively toward a shared purpose, they maintain autonomy carrying out GPAC objectives through their respective organizations.
- As used by the GPAC, prevention involves strategies, programs and initiatives to reduce direct and second-hand adverse personal, social, health, and economic consequences resulting from problematic ATOD availability, manufacture, distribution, promotion, sales, and use.

Structure/Composition:

- Members are appointed to the GPAC by the Governor.
- The Director of the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) chairs the GPAC. ADP provides staff support for the GPAC.

- Membership of the GPAC includes key Agency and Departmental administrators from major state agencies involved with prevention issues, funding, and/or program-level support.
- The GPAC members include:
 - 1) Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs
 - 2) Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control
 - 3) Attorney General's Office
 - 4) California Community Colleges
 - 5) California Department of Education
 - 6) Department of Public Health
 - 7) California Highway Patrol
 - 8) Department of Social Services
 - 9) Office of Emergency Services
 - 10) Office of Traffic Safety
 - 11) Office of the Chancellor, California State University
 - 12) Office of the President, University of California
 - 13) Department of Rehabilitation
 - 14) California National Guard
 - 15) Department of Mental Health
- A representative from the Governor's Office of Planning and Research also participates on the GPAC.
- Workgroups are formed to prepare recommendations for the GPAC on specific topics, such as binge drinking and high-rate ATOD use by youth.
- The GPAC serves as the State Policy Steering Committee for the California Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral and Treatment Grant Program.

GPAC Operations

- GPAC members provide information from their affiliate organizations and advisory sources concerned with the impact of ATOD.
- GPAC members meet in ad hoc groups to address topical issues.